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1. THE STRIKE BY CIVIL AVIATION GROUND PERSONNEL RESUMED AS EXPECTED (REFTEL) NOVEMBER 18, AND IS SCHEDULED TO LAST 24 HOURS. SOURCES WITHIN THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY TOLD EMBOFF NOVEMBER 17 THAT TRANSPORT MINISTER LLADO WAS PRESSING FOR A SETTLEMENT, EVEN IF IT MEANT YIELDING TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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STRIKERS' WAGE DEMANDS, BUT WAS BEING OPPOSED BY OTHER MINISTERS. THIS MORNING'S (NOVEMBER 18)
PRESS CARRIES THE REPORT THAT LLADO HAS BEEN
RELIEVED AS CHIEF NEGOTIATOR BY VP FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS ABRIL MARTORELL. GOVT SOURCES ARE QUOTED
IN INDEPENDENT LIBERAL LEFT "EL PAIS" OF NOVEMBER
18 AS STATING THAT THE WORKERS HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN 1977, AND CONCLUDING THAT UNDER "MONCLOA" THEY ARE NOT ENTITLED TO THE FURTHER INCREASES THEY ARE NOW DEMANDING.

2. SEPARATELY, WELL-CONNECTED UCD DEPUTY (AND PERMANENT SECGEN FOR RELATIONS WITH THE PARLIAMENT) RAFAEL ARIAS-SALGADO TOLD EMBOFF NOVEMBER 17 THAT THE GOVERNMENT VIEWED THE STRIKE AS AN UNACCEPTABLE CHALLENGE TO THE PAY INCREASE LIMITS, A CRUCIAL PART OF THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN, AND WAS DETERMINED NOT TO YIELD. THEY WERE, HE ADDED, BEGINNING TO GIVE RELUCTANT CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF "MILITARIZING" THE STRIKERS (A DEVICE USED IN THE PAST TO BREAK STRIKES IN CRITICIAL PUBLIC SERVICES, BUT CERTAIN TO CAUSE PROTESTS IF APPLIED IN TODAY'S ATMOSPHERE). STABLER

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